

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-26 were previously pending in this Application. Within the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 10-14 and 17-26 have been rejected and Claims 7-9, 15 and 16 have been objected to. By the above amendment, Claims 1, 4, 8 and 10 have been amended, Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 13-16 and 19-26 have been canceled and new Claims 27-33 have been added. Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-12, 17, 18 and 27-33 are now pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Within the Office Action, Claim 15 has been objected to. By the above amendment, Claim 15 has been canceled.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102/103

Within the Office Action, Claims 1, 10-14, 17 and 23-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0194596 A1 to Srivastava (hereinafter "Srivastava"). Within the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 10-14 and 17-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by International Publication No. WO 01/28255 A1 to Carlsgaard (hereinafter "Carlsgaard"). Within the Office Action, Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlsgaard in view of Admitted Prior Art.

Within the Office Action, it is stated that Claims 7-9, 15 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of the objected to Claim 7 and the intervening Claims 2, 3 and 6. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 1 is allowable.

The Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 are all dependent on the independent Claim 1. As discussed above, the independent Claim 1 is allowable. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The independent Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of the objected to Claim 15 and the intervening Claims 13 and 14. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 10 is allowable.

The Claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 are all dependent on the independent Claim 10. As discussed above, the independent Claim 10 is allowable. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

The new independent Claim 27 includes the limitations from the previous independent Claim 10 and the objected to Claim 16. For at least these reasons, the independent Claim 27 is allowable.

The Claims 28-33 are all dependent on the independent Claim 27. As discussed above, the independent Claim 27 is allowable. Accordingly, the dependent Claims 28-33 are all also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

For the reasons given above, the applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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